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# Group Time Guide

Supplies Needed: Forgiveness Stories

## 1. Introductions and Snack

**Circle Up:** As you come into the room, have Kid-Os say “hi” to someone else in the circle as they sit down. Encourage each Kid-O to say their name.

**Do This:** Give kids hand sanitizer, then hand each of them a snack.

## 2. Discussion Questions

- What does the word “forgive” mean? (To stop being angry about the wrong things someone has done)
- Who did God forgive in our Bible Adventure story? (Saul)

## 3. Hands-On Option

**Do This:** Read the “Forgiveness Stories” to the kids one at a time. Have kids put their thumb up if the story shows forgiveness and their thumb down if it doesn’t.

**The Point:** When people say or do wrong things, we don’t have to stay angry at them or do something mean to get them back. We can choose to forgive them the same way that God forgives us.

## 4. Big Idea, Memory Verse, Stickers, and Prayer

**Do This:** Practice the Memory Verse and the Big Idea with the kids.

**Memory Verse:** Acts 1:8 – You will even tell other people about me from one end of the earth to the other.

**Big Idea:** I can forgive because God forgives.

**Do This:** Give each kid a sticker. Encourage them to talk about what they learned with their grown-ups.

**Do This:** Pray! “Dear God, we love you. Thank you for loving us. Help us to forgive others. Amen.”